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C-17s EVACUATE IN PREPARATION FOR HURRICANE

CHARLESTON AIR FORCE BASE, S.C. -- Charleston Air Force Base is in the process of evacuating all operational C-17 Globemaster III aircraft currently on station due to impending severe weather.

Aircraft will be diverted to Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio; Whiteman AFB, Mo.; and Meridan Naval Air Station, Miss.

Although we don't expect the hurricane to be significant, the aircraft are being evacuated to ensure the airlift mission around the world will continue during the duration of Hurricane Isabel.

All military flights have been stopped at the air base at this time. The base is currently in Hurricane Condition 4 and monitoring weather reports for further information. There has not been a mandatory evacuation order for personnel at this time.

Base residents are reminded to take shelter in their base homes unless ordered to evacuate. Military members who live off base should go to their designated community shelters as needed.